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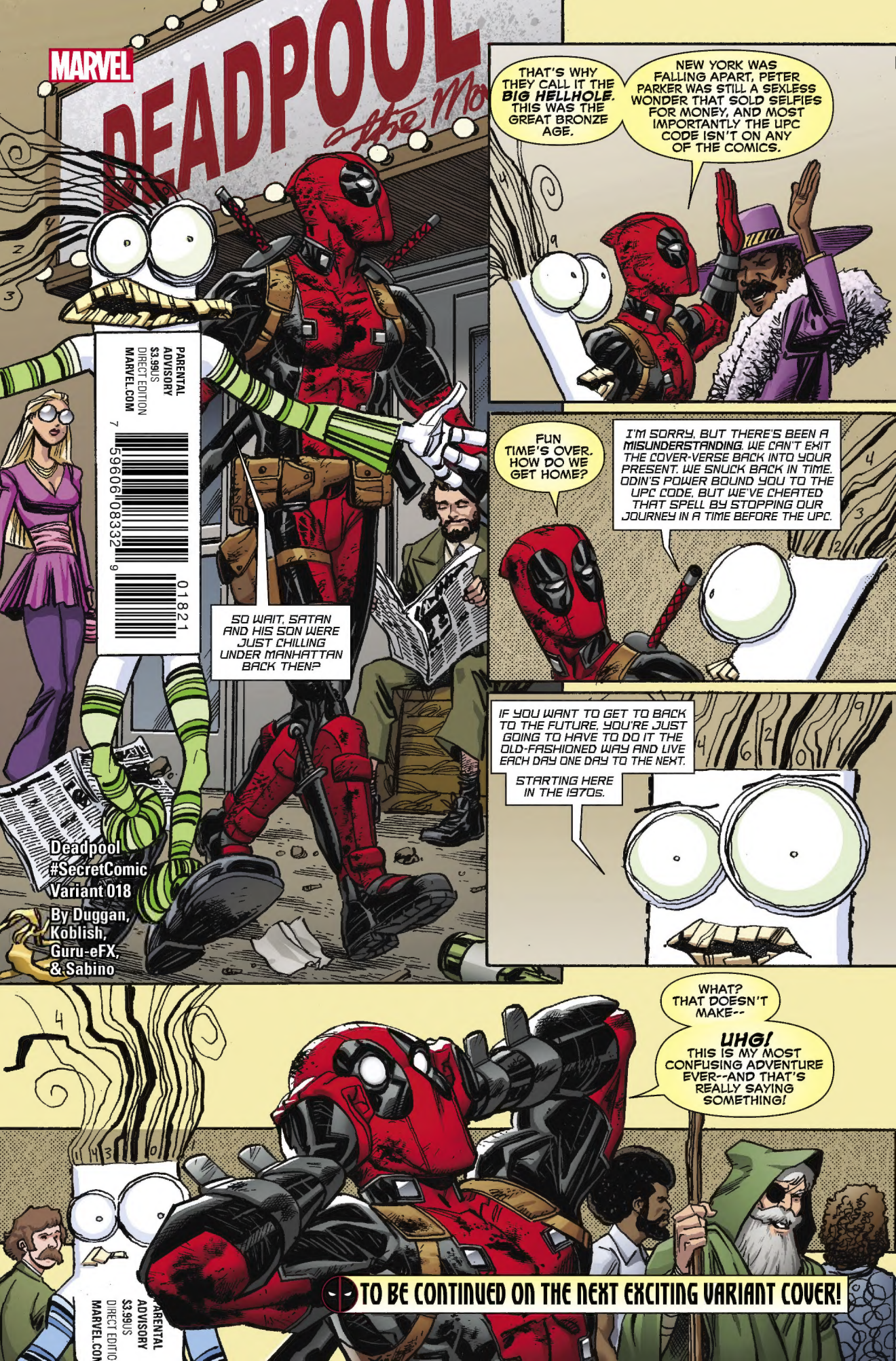
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THAT'S WHY THEY CALL IT THE BIG HELLHOLE. THIS WAS THE GREAT BRONZE AGE.
NEW YORK WAS FALLING APART, PETER PARKER WAS STILL A SEXLESS WONDER THAT SOLD SELFIES FOR MONEY, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE UPC CODE ISN'T ON ANY OF THE COMICS.
FUN TIME'S OVER. HOW DO WE GET HOME?
I'M SORRY, BUT THERE'S BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING. WE CAN'T EXIT THE COVER-VERSE BACK INTO YOUR PRESENT. WE SNUCK BACK IN TIME. ODIN'S POWER BOUND YOU TO THE UPC CODE, BUT WE'VE CHEATED THAT SPELL BY STOPPING OUR JOURNEY IN A TIME BEFORE THE UPC.
IF YOU WANT TO GET TO BACK TO THE FUTURE, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HAVE TO DO IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY AND LIVE EACH DAY ONE DAY TO THE NEXT.
STARTING HERE IN THE 1970s.
WHAT? THAT DOESN'T MAKE--
UHG! THIS IS MY MOST CONFUSING ADVENTURE EVER--AND THAT'S REALLY SAYING SOMETHING!
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DEADPOOL

OH MAN, THE SUPER HERO WORLD IS TOTALLY DIVIDED IN TWO!

ON ONE SIDE, THERE'S #TEAMTONY, WHO THINK THAT DEADPOOL WAS A TERRIBLE BOSS TO HIS EMPLOYEES, THE MERCS FOR MONEY, AND THAT THEY ARE COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED IN HAVING DITCHED HIS SORRY REAR END FOR NEGLECTING TO PAY THEM THEIR DUE. THEY ALSO BELIEVE THAT DEADPOOL HAS BEEN A LOUSY HUSBAND TO HIS DEMON QUEEN WIFE, SHIKLAH, NOT SPENDING ENOUGH TIME WITH HER LIKE HE USED TO.

ON THE OTHER SIDE, WE HAVE #TEAMCAROL, WHO THINK THAT REGARDLESS OF WHAT WADE DID, IT'S WRONG FOR SHIKLAH TO BE CHEATING ON WADE WITH WEREWOLF BY NIGHT, AND WADE IS TOTALLY JUSTIFIED IN BLOWING THE WOLF-MAN'S HEAD OFF UPON DISCOVERING IT. AND BESIDES, THEY SAY, THE REASON WADE IGNORED SHIKLAH AND DIDN'T PAY THE MERCS WAS THAT HIS TIME AND MONEY WERE GOING TOWARDS THE UNCANNY AVENGERS TEAM. YOU KNOW, THE TEAM HE'S ON WITH CAPTAIN AMERICA AND ROGUE, THE TEAM THAT JUST DEFEATED ULTRON AND KIND OF WRECKED THE HEADQUARTERS HE MADE FOR THEM? SO, HE'S TOTALLY JUSTIFIED.

AND THAT'S WHAT CIVIL WAR II IS ABOUT.

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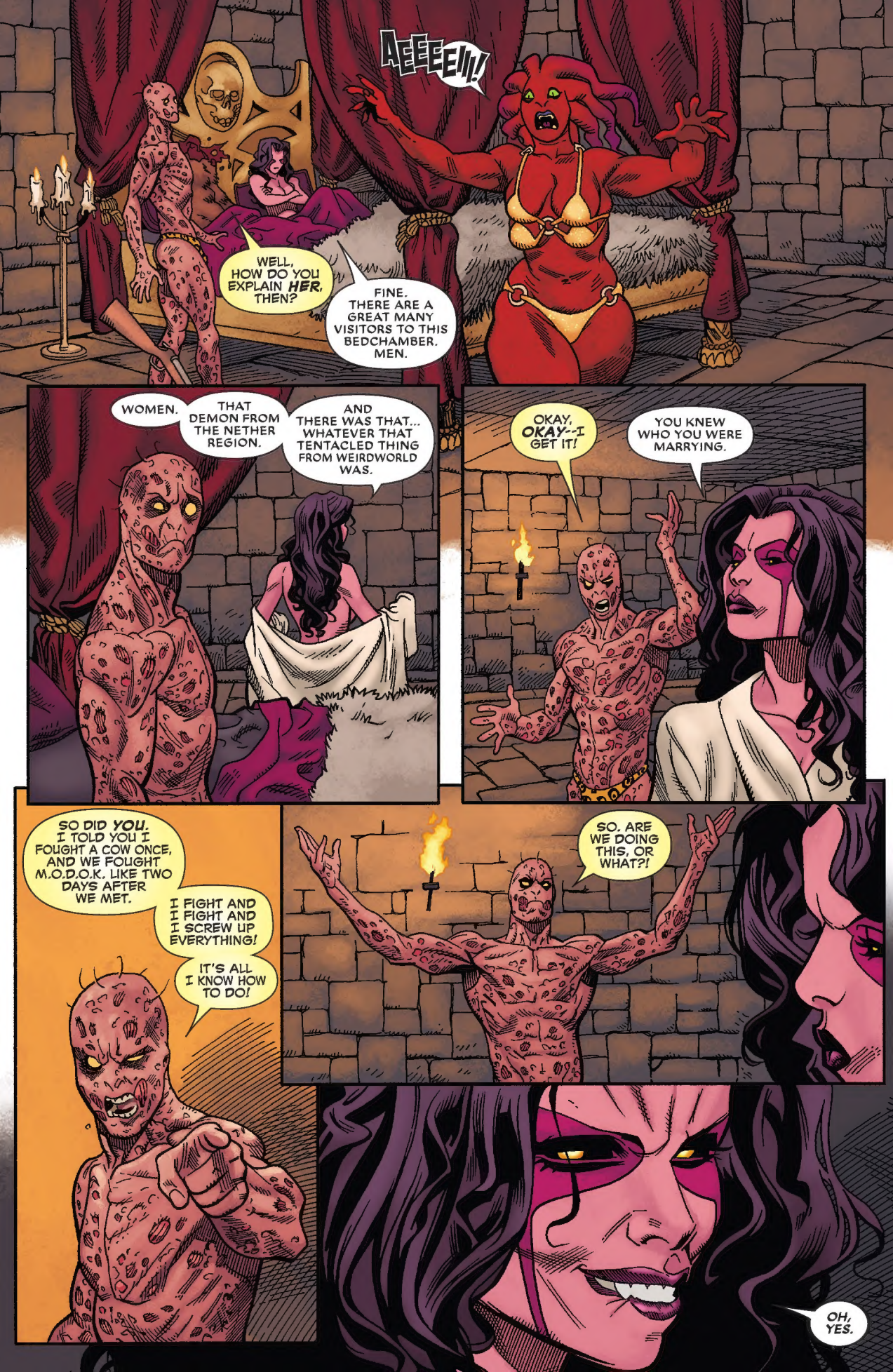
HUSBAND.
DO YOU INTEND TO SHOOT *ME*?
EH, PROBABLY NOT. EVEN FOR ME, THAT'D BE PRETTY ***DARK***.
WE'VE BEEN OVER THIS, WADE. YOU KNOW WE'RE ALLOWED A CERTAIN NUMBER OF... *INVITATIONS*.
YEAH, BUT IT FEELS LIKE YOU'RE ***EXPANDING*** YOUR GUEST LIST, SHIKLAH.
I AM NOT.
OH, SATAN. OH, NO.


AEEEEEII!
WELL, HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN HER, THEN?
FINE. THERE ARE A GREAT MANY VISITORS TO THIS BEDCHAMBER. MEN.
WOMEN.
THAT DEMON FROM THE NETHER REGION.
AND THERE WAS THAT... WHATEVER THAT TENTACLED THING FROM WEIRDWORLD WAS.
OKAY, OKAY--I GET IT!
YOU KNEW WHO YOU WERE MARRYING.
SO DID YOU. I TOLD YOU I FOUGHT A COW ONCE, AND WE FOUGHT M.O.D.O.K. LIKE TWO DAYS AFTER WE MET.
I FIGHT AND I FIGHT AND I SCREW UP EVERYTHING!
IT'S ALL I KNOW HOW TO DO!
SO. ARE WE DOING THIS, OR WHAT?!
OH, YES.

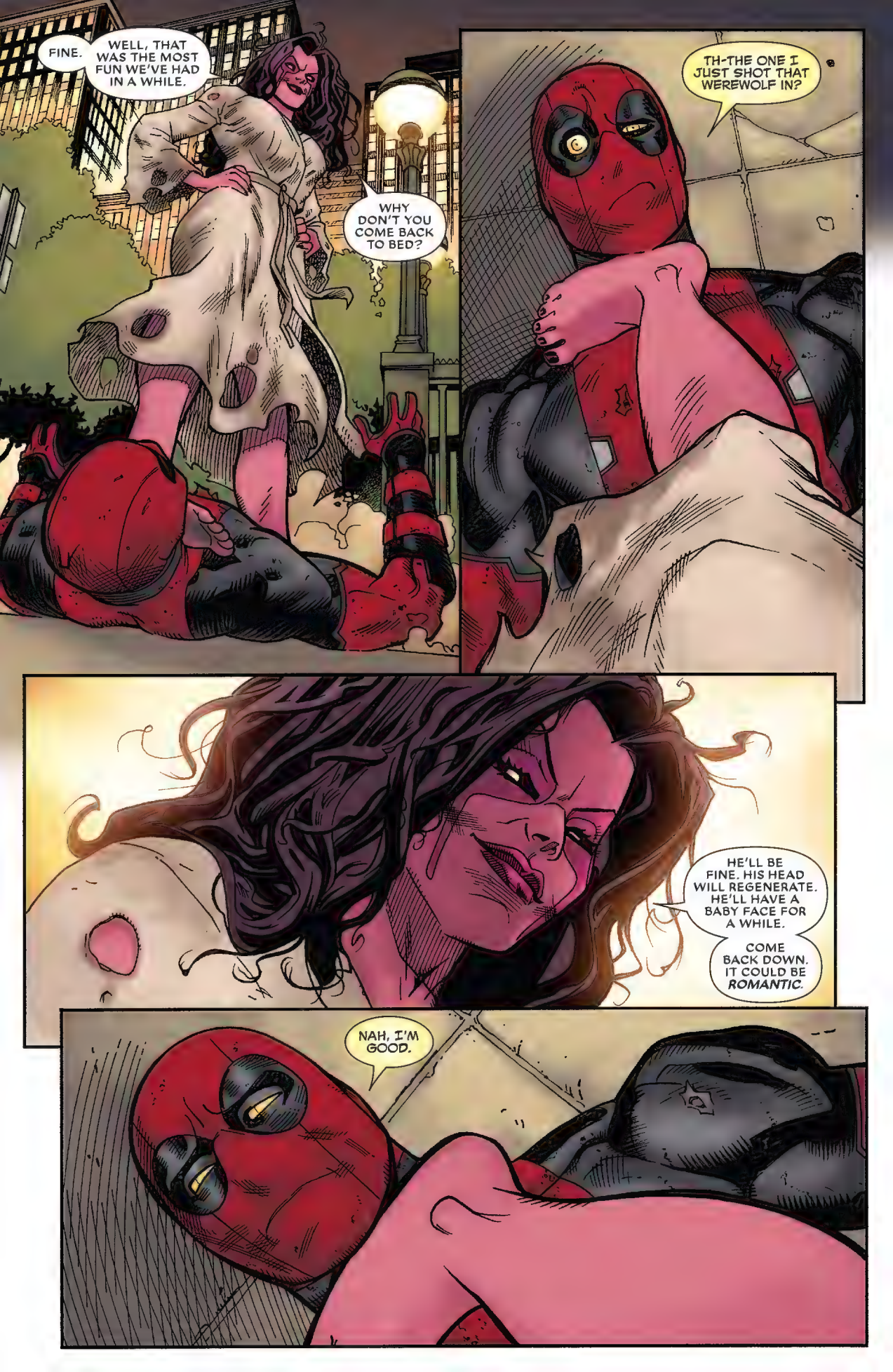
YEAOW!
LISTEN TO THOSE HORNDOGS IN THERE.
÷SIGH÷
WHO AM I KIDDING? DOES ANYBODY DOWN HERE EVEN LOOK AT MY MONSTR PROFILE?
SSHKRACK!!
OOF!
THIS IS NOT SAFE SEX.
MAY I?
IT'S YOUR SPEAR.
AND IT'S MY MAN.
HEY--WAIT A SECOND.
GAKK!
I DON'T MIND YOU RUINING YOUR OWN HAPPINESS-- BUT LEAVE MINE ALONE.
÷GASP÷
EH, WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL? JUST PUT A BAG OVER THE WOLF'S NECK STUMP AND--
GRRRARGH!

UGHN!
YOU, KNOW-- ALL COUPLES GO THROUGH A ROUGH PATCH LIKE THIS.
KRAC
YOU'RE GOING TO REVERT TO YOUR MONSTER FORM AND CATCH ME, RIGHT?
RIGHT?!
HELLO?
BOOM
MAYBE WE SHOULD SEE A THERAPIST. YOU KNOW, FOOLKILLER HAS HIS BRAIN LICENSE OR WHATEVER THEY HAVE TO GET.
YOU THINK I SHOULD CONSULT WITH A DOCTOR NAMED "FOOLKILLER"?
I JUST THOUGHT YOU MIGHT LIKE A GOOD LISTENER.
KRAK
OOF!
NOT LIKE THAT WOLF-MAN.
LAST TIME I SAW HIS POINTY EARS THEY WERE ON THE CEILING AND THE FLOOR.

YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MADE ME ANGRY!
AND YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MARRIED THE FIRST IDIOT YOU SAW AFTER STEPPING OUT OF YOUR COFFIN.
UH-OH.
YOW!
THIS IS THE WORST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PSA EVER!
SEE YA, WADE.
ADIOS, SAM.
FORWARD MY MAIL?
YAY! FINALLY, SOME GOOD LUCK!
COME AND GET SOME.
IS THERE A TRAIN COMING?
NO...?

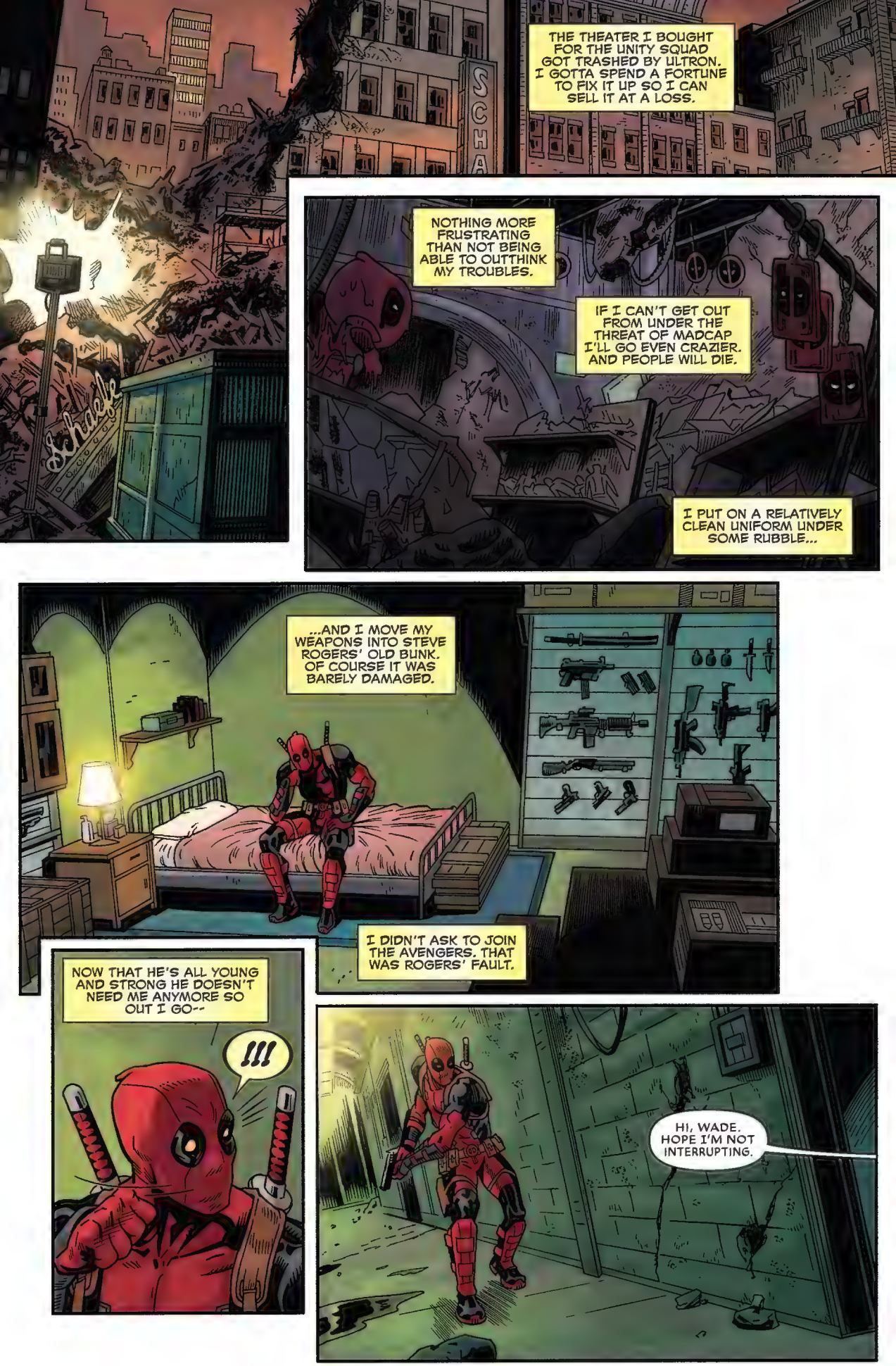
I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW: I WAS ALWAYS *HONEST* WITH YOU.
HAH! DO YOU EVEN BELIEVE THE &#$* THAT COMES OUT OF YOUR MOUTH?
NAME *ONE* LIE I TOLD YOU.
WHEN WE MET YOU INTRODUCED YOURSELF AS *THE RULER OF EARTH.*
I MEANT *CULTURALLY.*
UGHN!
UFN!
HA! I'VE MISSED YOU.
NICE TO SEE I CAN STILL MAKE YOU HORNY-- *OOF!*

MY HEART'S DOWN THE DRAIN AN MY SOUL-- LAWDY!
YEARGH!
THAT'S SOME PISS-POOR BREAKDANCING, SON.
YEAH! WELL, THAT'S THE WORST COUNTRY MUSIC I'VE EVER HEARD.
THE HUMANS YOU CHERISH WILL ALL DIE.
WHAT?
KRUNCH
AAH!
WHAT'D YOU SAY?!
DID YOU THINK I WAS THREATENING THEM?
PERHAPS I WAS.
KLANG
Cathedral Parkway
110 Street Station
Enter with or buy MetroCard at all times or see agent across Broadway
WHACK
CAN WE BE DONE NOW? WHAT IF I GO GET A DOG AND LET YOU SHOOT IT IN MY BED?


FINE.
WELL, THAT WAS THE MOST FUN WE'VE HAD IN A WHILE.
WHY DON'T YOU COME BACK TO BED?
TH-THE ONE I JUST SHOT THAT WEREWOLF IN?
HE'LL BE FINE. HIS HEAD WILL REGENERATE. HE'LL HAVE A BABY FACE FOR A WHILE.
COME BACK DOWN. IT COULD BE *ROMANTIC*.
NAH, I'M GOOD.

VERY WELL. NEVER THE END, HUSBAND. NEVER THE END.
HA-HA. YEAH.
WHAT THE @#$% DOES THAT MEAN?
DOESN'T SHE WANT US OVER?
I KNOW WHAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME.
I'M CAUGHT IN A CATCH-22. I WANT TO LEAVE ELLIE AND PRESTON ALONE TO PROTECT THEM, BUT I ALSO WANT TO BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO JUMP IN WHEN THEY NEED ME.
THE LONGER I GO WITHOUT A PLAN TO KILL MADCAP THE WORSE THE END IS GOING TO BE.
I CAN'T THINK STRAIGHT. SO I TAKE THE NIGHT OFF.

NEW YORK CITY IS GREAT. YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND SOMEONE TO KEEP YOU COMPANY.
WHO WANTS TO PRETEND TO BE MY FRIEND IN RETURN FOR ALCOHOL?
YEAH, BRO! IF YOU'RE *BUYIN'* I'M *LYIN'*!
CHECKMATE. *AGAIN.*
SORRY, BUT THERE'S NO WAY FOR YOU TO WIN WITH WHAT YOU HAVE ON THE BOARD.
HMM.
HMM.
THINGS HAVE BEEN GOOD FOR TOO LONG NOW, SO IT'S TIME FOR A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED ***DEADPOOL PITY PARTY.***


THE THEATER I BOUGHT FOR THE UNITY SQUAD GOT TRASHED BY ULTRON. I GOTTA SPEND A FORTUNE TO FIX IT UP SO I CAN SELL IT AT A LOSS.
NOTHING MORE FRUSTRATING THAN NOT BEING ABLE TO OUTTHINK MY TROUBLES.
IF I CAN'T GET OUT FROM UNDER THE THREAT OF MADCAP I'LL GO EVEN CRAZIER. AND PEOPLE WILL DIE.
I PUT ON A RELATIVELY CLEAN UNIFORM UNDER SOME RUBBLE...
...AND I MOVE MY WEAPONS INTO STEVE ROGERS' OLD BUNK. OF COURSE IT WAS BARELY DAMAGED.
I DIDN'T ASK TO JOIN THE AVENGERS. THAT WAS ROGERS' FAULT.
NOW THAT HE'S ALL YOUNG AND STRONG HE DOESN'T NEED ME ANYMORE SO OUT I GO--
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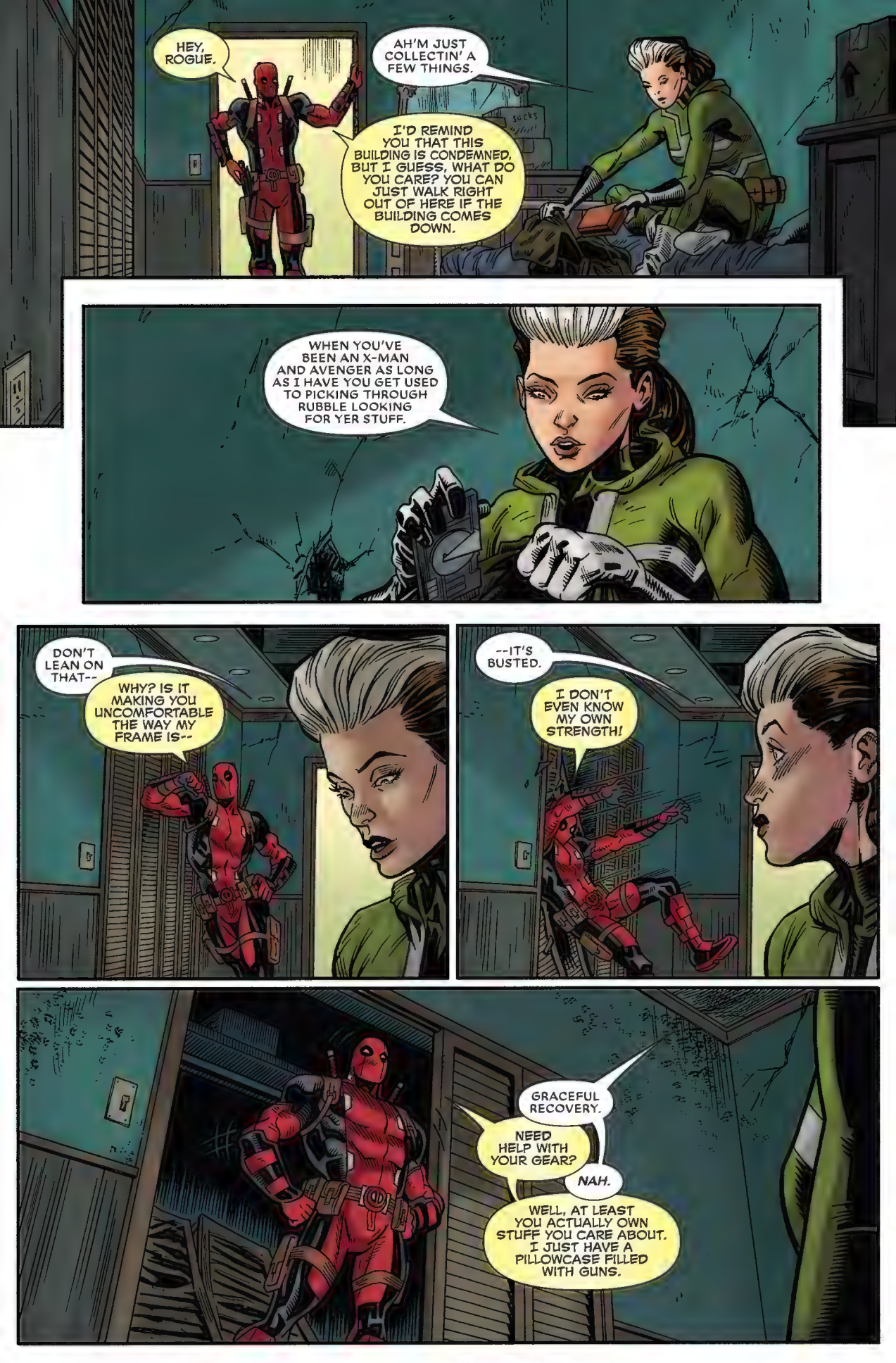
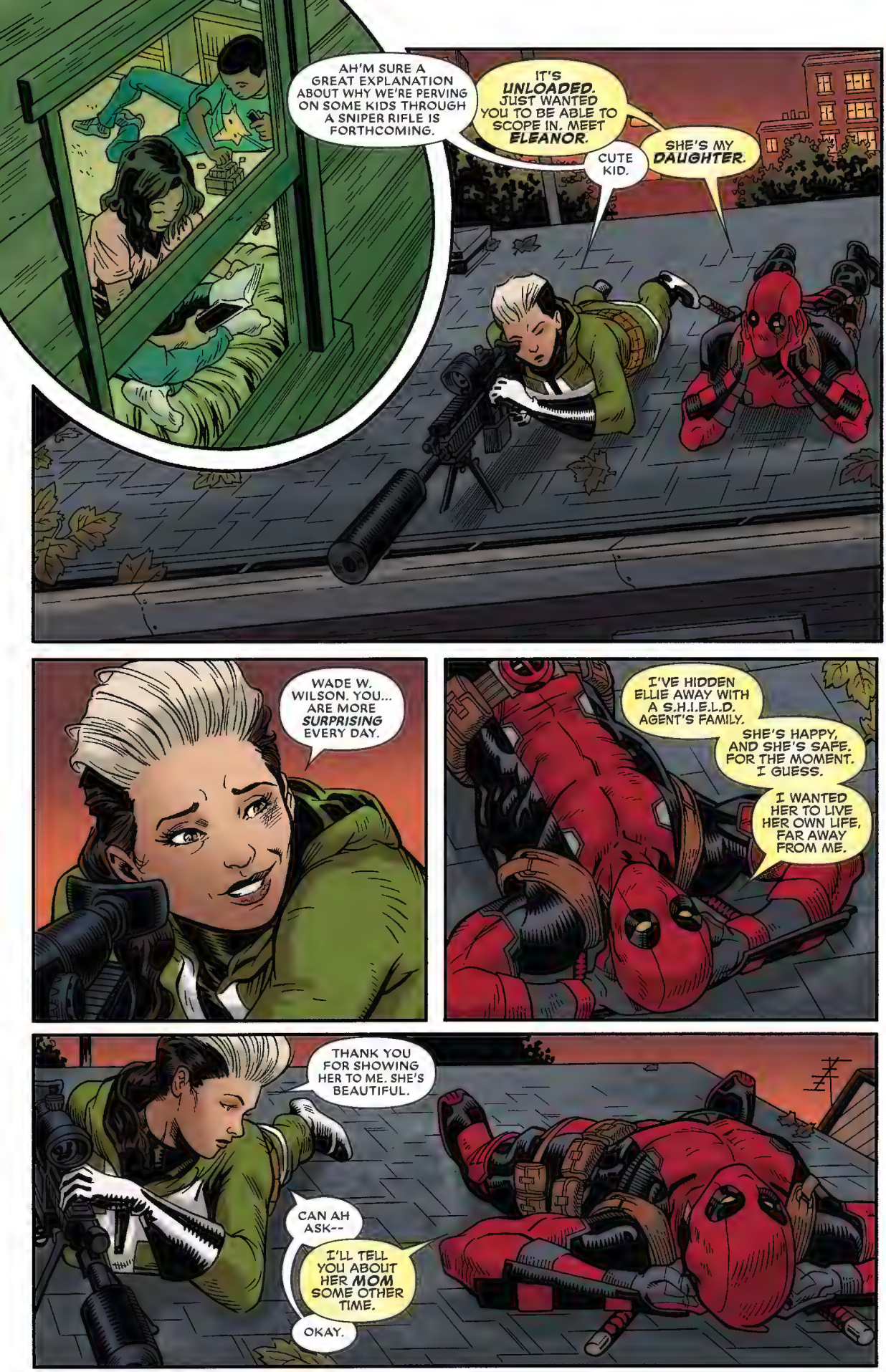
HI, WADE. HOPE I'M NOT INTERRUPTING.


HEY, ROGUE.
AH'M JUST COLLECTIN' A FEW THINGS.
I'D REMIND YOU THAT THIS BUILDING IS CONDEMNED, BUT I GUESS, WHAT DO YOU CARE? YOU CAN JUST WALK RIGHT OUT OF HERE IF THE BUILDING COMES DOWN.
WHEN YOU'VE BEEN AN X-MAN AND AVENGER AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU GET USED TO PICKING THROUGH RUBBLE LOOKING FOR YER STUFF.
DON'T LEAN ON THAT--
WHY? IS IT MAKING YOU UNCOMFORTABLE THE WAY MY FRAME IS--
--IT'S BUSTED.
I DON'T EVEN KNOW MY OWN STRENGTH!
GRACEFUL RECOVERY.
NEED HELP WITH YOUR GEAR?
NAH.
WELL, AT LEAST YOU ACTUALLY OWN STUFF YOU CARE ABOUT. I JUST HAVE A PILLOWCASE FILLED WITH GUNS.

WHERE ARE YOU GONNA GO NOW?
AH THOUGHT IT'D IT BE FUNNY TO BOOK A ROOM AT THE OLD AVENGERS MANSION THEME HOTEL.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE A SUICIDE MISSION.
YOU ONLY LIVE ONCE.
AT LEAST YOU'VE GOT YOUR WIFE'S PLACE.
HAH!
OR NOT.
YEAH. UH, NOT. YOU KNOW THE OLD SAYING: YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN.
WE HIT THE ROCKS. OR RATHER, SHE PICKED UP THE ROCKS AND THREW THEM AT ME.
OH.
DAMN. SORRY.

WATCH YOUR STEP.
AH'M FLOATING.
RIGHT.
ANYWAY, I THINK SHIKLAH AND I BOTH WENT INTO THIS KNOWING I'D BE A GREAT EX-HUSBAND.
HOW'D IT ALL GO WRONG?
I FOUND HER IN BED WITH A WOLF-MAN!
DID YOU HAVE A ROLLED-UP NEWSPAPER TO SWAT HIM IN THE FACE?
OH, YEAH. HIS FACE GOT SWATTED REAL GOOD.
YOU KNOW--I JUST REALIZED YOU COULD HELP ME SOLVE A PROBLEM THAT'S BEEN PLAGUING ME. GOT A FEW MINUTES?
SURE.
YOU MIND GRABBING MY BIKE FROM WHERE ULTRON LEFT IT?
I COULD LIFT IT, BUT I HAVEN'T STRETCHED YET.
AH WAS EXPECTING SOMETHING MORE DIFFICULT.
THIS ISN'T WHAT I NEED YOU FOR.


AH'M SURE A GREAT EXPLANATION ABOUT WHY WE'RE PERVING ON SOME KIDS THROUGH A SNIPER RIFLE IS FORTHCOMING.
IT'S UNLOADED. JUST WANTED YOU TO BE ABLE TO SCOPE IN. MEET ELEANOR.
CUTE KID.
SHE'S MY DAUGHTER.
WADE W. WILSON. YOU... ARE MORE SURPRISING EVERY DAY.
I'VE HIDDEN ELLIE AWAY WITH A S.H.I.E.L.D. AGENT'S FAMILY.
SHE'S HAPPY, AND SHE'S SAFE. FOR THE MOMENT. I GUESS.
I WANTED HER TO LIVE HER OWN LIFE, FAR AWAY FROM ME.
THANK YOU FOR SHOWING HER TO ME. SHE'S BEAUTIFUL.
CAN AH ASK--
I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT HER MOM SOME OTHER TIME.
OKAY.

I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT SHE EXISTED. SHE MIGHT BE A MUTANT.
SOMEDAY SHE MAY NEED AN X-WOMAN IN HER CORNER.
COURSE AH'LL HAVE HER BACK.
REALLY? EVEN IF SHE GETS A @#$% POWER, LIKE "TALKING TO TREES" OR SOMETHING?
AH CAN SEE HOW THAT WOULD BE ENLIGHTENING.
THIS ISN'T HOW AH THOUGHT MY NIGHT WAS GONNA GO.
I'M TOTALLY UP TO GO KILL THE RED SKULL AND TAKE BACK XAVIER'S BRAIN IF YOU WOULD RATHER GO DO THAT.
AH'M STARTING TO GET SCARED THAT WE'RE GOING TO FAIL AT THAT.
NOT GONNA HAPPEN. I PROMISE WE'LL STOP HIM.
I KNOW WHAT WILL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER ABOUT THE RED SKULL-- WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT MADCAP?
THE WEIRD CLOWN FELLA?

"YEAH. HE DOESN'T SOUND SO INTIMIDATING WHEN YOU SAY IT LIKE THAT...
"...BUT HE'S OUT THERE, PULLING HIMSELF TOGETHER AGAIN.
"HE HATES ME. MAYBE--MAYBE WITH GOOD REASON.
"HE DOESN'T FEEL PAIN. HE CAN'T BE KILLED-- AND HE'S CERTIFIABLY INSANE."
Let me have a look.

AHA! That's the one. Take it and let's be on our way.
YOU SAID NOBODY WOULD GET HURT, BUT--
Yes! And I was right! I see a bunch of nobodies lying hurt.
Now, cover me up...
...or I'll wrap my leg around your heart and boop your arteries again.
PLEASE DON'T.
"WELL, HE SOUNDS LIKE FUN, SUGAH."
"HEY, ROGUE--I HAVE A QUESTION FOR YOU--"

DID I HAVE THE SHORTEST AVENGERS TENURE?
WE'RE STILL AVENGERS AS LONG AS RED SKULL HAS CHARLES' BRAIN. AND BESIDES, AH'M PRETTY SURE YOU LASTED LONGER THAN DOCTOR DRUID.
SCHAEFER

WAIT--WAS HE A GUY THAT TALKED TO TREES? AND DID HE DIE IN THE LINE OF DUTY?
DON'T REMEMBER. AH'M JUST TRYING TO MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER.

JUST FOR FUTURE REFERENCE, COMPARING ME TO DOCTOR DRUID DOES NOT MAKE ME FEEL BETTER.
CALL ME WHEN YOU'RE DONE SULKIN'.

I'LL SULK AS MUCH AS I PLEASE, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW. BY THEN I'LL HAVE A SAFE HOUSE SET UP FOR THE VIGILANTES FORMERLY KNOWN AS STEVE ROGERS' UNITY SQUAD...

...BUT TONIGHT I'M GONNA ADMIRE THE IMMENSE RUBBLE PILE OF A CLUSTER@#$ THAT MY LIFE HAS BECOME.
DEADPOOL WILL RETURN.

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